

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-29, 31-37, 44, 46-51, 53, and 55-61 are pending in the application.

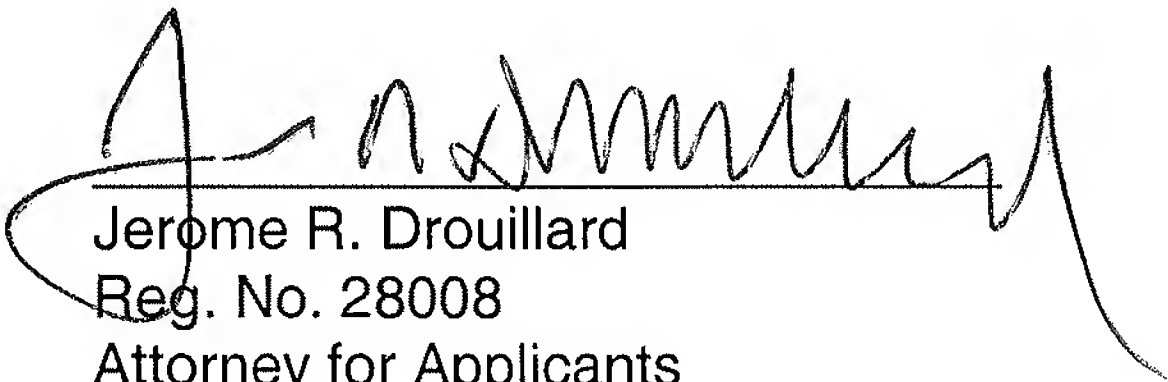
By this amendment, Claims 1, 4-7, 29, 44, 50-51, and 53 have been amended.

Claims 3, 30, 38-43, 45, 52, and 54 have been cancelled.

Claims 12-28 have been allowed.

Claims 3-7, 11, 13, 33, 35-37, 45, 48, 52, 54, 59, and 61 have been objected to. As a result, Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 3 therein. Claim 29 have been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 30 therein. Claim 44 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 45 therein and, finally, Claim 53 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 54 therein. As a result, each of the claims remaining in this case is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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